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1. The Coburg Ironworks at Trnava are located near the Trnava railroad station on the Bratislava-Zilina railroad line. They are surrounded by a wooden fence and are guarded by 100 members of the works militia.
2. The works were constructed between 1929 and 1930 and were enlarged and equipped during the German occupation. Power is supplied by steam generators, and surplus current is transmitted to the West Slovakian Ironworks. The works have the following additional equipment:

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3 electric arc furnaces
2 enamelling baths
1 furnace for enamel baking
2 galvanizing baths
280 presses
45 spot welders
34 polishing machines
26 light metal cutting machines, 2 m. long
25 light metal shaping machines
14 drills
2 lathes
5 riveting machines
4 oxyacetylene welders
3 punches
2 planing machines
2 screw threading machines

3. Production includes light metal and enamel pots and pans, wire fencing and wire mesh, and building materials. In 1948, production also consisted of tin hats, mine casings, gas mask filter containers, hand grenade casings, ammunition boxes, and anti-tank rocket casings for the army. At the beginning of 1950, the weekly rate of production was about 8-10 carloads of utensils, 3 carloads of building materials, and 7-8 carloads of military equipment.

4. Raw materials are furnished by the Trinec and Vitkovice Ironworks and are shipped by rail. The Coburg Ironworks have their own sidings for this purpose.

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5. Twelve hundred persons are employed at the Coburg Ironworks; 150 of them are officials. Two shifts are operated for the production of military equipment, and one shift for other products.
6. General Director of the works is named Vincenty; he is a Communist Member of Parliament. His deputy is Kadlec, who heads the local Communist Party organizations. A military liaison section consisting of one officer and two NCOs is attached to the works.

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